

## ***2012 National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM)***

In collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, and local government agencies, the Department of Energy is recognizing October 2012 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM). The primary goal of NCSAM is to engage and educate the public, private, and Federal sectors about cyber risks in an effort to increase the resiliency of the Nation against cyber incidents.

The overarching theme for NCSAM is ***Achieving Cybersecurity Together: It's Our Shared Responsibility***. This theme accurately reflects the shared responsibility of all computer users in securing their personal and professional cyberspace. The 2012 campaign will also have a continuing focus on the National slogan of ***Stop.Think.Connect***. Although a simple statement, these three words reiterate the significance that simple and consistent actions can have on securing our global digital community. All users are reminded to:

**STOP:** Before you use the Internet, take time to understand the risks and learn how to spot potential problems.

**THINK:** Take a moment to be certain the path ahead is clear. Watch for warning signs and consider how your actions online could impact your safety, or your family's.

**CONNECT:** Enjoy the Internet with greater confidence, knowing you've taken the right steps to safeguard yourself and your computer. By protecting yourself, you help keep the web a safer place for everyone.

Throughout the month of October a variety of cyber awareness communications and materials will be made available to DOE employees that address current cyber issues as well as our shared responsibility to be good online citizens. In addition, the OCIO is hosting a Cybersecurity Awareness session during OCIO Day on October 9, 2012 in the Forrestal Main Auditorium at 3:00 pm. During this hour, there will be an Unclassified Threat Briefing as well as a special message from our Associate Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Gil Vega. Please visit <http://energy.gov/cio> for additional NCSAM information. You can also visit the OCIO online Training Warehouse at <http://energy.gov/cio/training/training-warehouse> for additional cyber training and awareness resources and materials.

*Practice **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** and encourage others to do it as well.*